

August 29, 1975

TO: THE DIRECTOR
FROM: N. P. CALLAHAN
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

After talking with you telephonically previously on this date, Messrs. Adams, Bassett, and I met with the Deputy Attorney General at approximately 3:30 p.m. I told Judge Tyler that in accordance with the feeling of the Department we anticipated at least at this point approximately six additional interviews. I told the Judge that we felt that these were six people who logically should be interviewed relative to the inquiry. Judge Tyler agreed with this.

Mr. Adams then brought up the obligation which we have to our original source and outlined to Judge Tyler that with his permission it was anticipated that the source would be contacted and told generally that there appeared to be some substance to the initial allegation; that is, that Oswald had appeared in the Dallas Office prior to the assassination and had left a note. Further, that while we had not clearly established what this note said, there was absolutely no information developed which would indicate that it had been a threat against President Kennedy. Mr. Adams also mentioned to Judge Tyler that at that time the source would be told that additional inquiries were being conducted and there always was a possibility that the matter might leak to a representative of the press, which Judge Tyler agreed could occur but indicated that thus far it appeared that there had been no leaks whatsoever. In any event Judge Tyler also agreed with this particular course of action.

I mentioned to the Judge that Inspection Division had received a phone call earlier in the day from a Mr. Lowenberg (ph) from the Criminal Section of the Department during which he indicated that Criminal Section wanted to be kept advised of the developments and that it was Lowenberg's understanding that the Bureau intended to conduct some additional inquiries. Lowenberg also stated that he felt that Mrs. Paine should be interviewed. We told the Judge of this phone call and of the fact that we felt that any interview with Mrs. Paine

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and/or Mrs. Oswald should be held to the very end if indeed it was actually necessary to interview. The Judge was also in agreement with this but at this point at our suggestion he called Dick Thornburgh, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, who in a few minutes joined the group. I mentioned this call that we had received and of the Department's apparent desire we interview Mrs. Paine. Thornburgh did not subscribe to this stating that he felt the entire inquiry should be carefully controlled step by step and that at the end of each step review the information carefully and make whatever decisions that might be necessary from that point on. He, too, was in agreement with the Bureau conducting additional interviews. He also was in agreement with the Director's observations that each person interviewed be furnished a waiver of rights and that the interviews be recorded by sworn statement.

The foregoing is for your information.